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Amendments to the Drawings:

Enclosed is replacement sheet 3 of 9 of the drawings, containing Figs. 2A-2D. This replacement sheet contains a corrected Fig. 2A and should replace originally filed sheet 3 of 9. Figs. 2B-2D remain unchanged.

This change to Fig. 2A is being made so that Fig. 2A will have the same content as the original Fig. 2A, as requested by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed August 25, 2005.

REMARKS

New Matter

The examiner objected to the amendment filed on February 15, 2002 as containing new matter in Fig. 2A. Applicants have submitted herewith a replacement sheet of drawings containing an amended Fig. 2A. The amendment has been made so that Fig. 2A contains the same information as originally filed Fig. 2A. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The examiner rejected claims 51-53 as allegedly not enabled. The examiner argued that the specification does not enable a claim drawn to "a purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 wherein the Ile at amino acid 189 has been replaced by an amino acid other than Ile." The examiner stated that the specification does enable "a purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the Ile at amino acid 189 has been replaced by amino acid Gly or Ala."

Applicants have amended claim 51 to specify that the Ile at amino acid 189 is replaced by an amino acid selected from Gly and Ala. Claims 52 and 53 depend from claim 51 and specify Gly and Ala respectively.

In view of the forgoing, applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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